

- b) reaction of the resulting copolymers with an unconjugated  $C_5-C_8$  diene, so as to obtain crosslinked copolymers.
36. The crosslinking process according to claim 35, wherein said unconjugated diene is 1,5-hexadiene. - -

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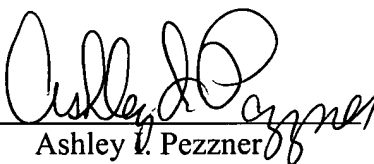
**REMARKS**

The applicants respectfully request that the preliminary amendment be entered prior to fee calculation and examination. Support for newly added claims 20-36 can be found in the original 1-19. A fee of \$160.00 is enclosed for the extra 2 independent claims over 3. No additional fee is due. If there are any additional fees due in connection with the filing of this response the Commissioner is authorized to charge or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03-2775.

A prompt and favorable action is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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